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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

This Office Action Response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2003, rejecting claims 1-5 and 11.

The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance. The deadline for responding to the Office Action is February 20, 2004. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), Applicant has filed a Petition for a three (3) month Extension of Time up to and including May 20, 2004. Thus, Applicant submits that the present Response submitted on May 20, 2003 is timely.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

In light of the following Remarks and Amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the present case is in condition for allowance. A Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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